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In re Application of: YAMASOTO et al.
 Application No. 10/019,400
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 For: PATCH PACKAGE AND PACKAGED PATCH

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

DUE DATE: March 26, 2004

Petition For Extension Of Time

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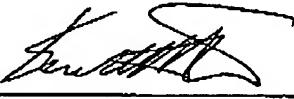
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter this Amendment in response to the December 23, 2003 Office Action.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

- (2) Remarks, including a Rule 133 Statement, begin on page 5 of this paper.